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formula. This base value shall be computed annually by the Director by dividing the total of all weighted students (WSU) generated by all approved schools into the total amount appropriated for distribution through the Indian School Equalization Formula.

§ 39.17 Comparability with public schools.

(a) In no case shall a Bureau or contract school attended by an Indian student receive less under these regulations than the average payment from the Federal funds received per Indian student, under other provisions of law, by the public school district in which the student resides. Any school which is funded at a lower level per student under the ISEP than either the average daily expenditure per student for instructional costs in the public schools in the State in which it is located, or the amount per Indian student which the local public school district in which it is located receives from all Federal funding sources, shall present documentation of this fact to the Director of the Office of Indian Education Programs.

(b) Upon verification that comparisons in the documentation received cover comparative expenditures, and that the inequity indeed exists, the Director shall adjust the school's allocation to equal the payment per-Indian student of the public school district or State involved.

(c) Funds for such adjustment shall be taken from the Formula Implementation Set Aside established under § 39.78 of these regulations.

§ 39.18 Recomputations of current year entitlements.

The Director shall continuously monitor the processes by which the final allocation of each school's entitlement is made. When changes occur either in the total amount of funds available for the operations of schools or in the total number of weighted student units for all schools due to a change in the number of weighted student units reported or altered by auditing, the Director shall consider whether adjustments are necessary in order that the full available appropriations are fairly

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allocated to the schools, and that all funds are fully allotted to schools.

§ 39.19 Phase-in provisions.

(a) *Limits on excess gains.* No school shall receive a percentage increase in its total fund entitlement, over the comparable budget amount per school in the FY 79 Bureau Education budget, which is greater than the following percentage ratios:

(1) In FY 80—20%

(2) In FY 81—70%

(b) *Limits on excess losses.* No school shall receive a percentage decrease in its total fund entitlement, below the comparable budget amount in the FY 79 Bureau Education budget, which is greater than the following percentage ratios:

(1) In FY 80—10%

(2) In FY 81—30%

(c) *Effects of limits on losses and gains.* Local school gains in excess of the above percentage limits for each of the limited years shall be returned to the common base for all schools and distributed through the formula. Funds to limit losses in excess of the above limits shall be withdrawn from the common base for all schools and distributed to the schools subject to such excess losses.

(d) *Transfer of fiscal accountability.* To allow time for developing fiscal accountability, knowledge, skill and responsibility at the local school level and in order to support accountability by responsible Fiscal Agents under section 3679 of the Revised Statutes (the Anti-Deficiency Act), a period of one year (FY 1980) shall be used during which the legal allottee for each Bureau-operated school shall be the Education Superintendent of the Agency within which the school is located. In the case of off-reservation boarding schools and other Bureau-operated schools not served by an Agency Education Office, the Area Education Director shall be the legal allottee. Further allocation of funds under this rule shall be fully in accordance with the Indian School Equalization Program and Formula, and expenditures shall be made in accordance with the financial planning provisions of section E of this rule.